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# Nursing Faculty Awarded Grant Through NAPNAP Foundation

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The [National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners](#) (NAPNAP) Foundation has awarded three faculty members in the Georgia Southern School of Nursing with a 2016 NAPNAP Foundation research grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Recipients of the grant are instructor Valerie Martinez, DNP, APRN, CPNP, assistant professor Sheri K. Carey, DNP, APRN, PCNS-BC, CCRN, and assistant professor Crystal Edds-McAfee, DNP, RN, MS, CPNP.

With the mission to support the improvement of the quality of life for children and their families, NAPNAP awards funds to advance pediatric nursing education, research, clinical projects and special initiatives.

The grant will be used to help fund the faculty members' joint study, "An Examination of Factors Affecting Quality of Life for Children with Asthma and their Caregivers in Southeast Georgia."

During the study, faculty will assess the quality of life (QOL) issues facing urban and rural school children, ages 7-17, with asthma and their parents/caregivers who reside in Bulloch County and Chatham County.

According to the faculty, the long-term research goal is to improve the QOL in children with asthma in urban and rural settings by developing and evaluating an intervention that positively impacts factors that affect QOL for children and their parents/caregivers.

# Social Gerontology Conference

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The Center for Social Gerontology at Georgia Southern University will host its inaugural Social Gerontology Conference Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Nessmith-Lane Center.

Guests will benefit from presentations with keynote speaker and Laughter Yoga expert, Celeste Green, as well as other noteworthy presentations on aging-related topics that are trending today.

There will be breakout sessions on a range of topics including sex in late life, dealing with older adults with mental illness and cognitive disorders, death and dying and how to support adult children of aging parents.

This one day conference will provide the opportunity for networking with others in the field, as well as an opportunity to learn new ideas from top professionals within the aging industry. The conference is geared toward supporting the efforts of professionals working

with older adults but will also be of interest to academics and students.

The conference objective is to increase participants' capacities to deliver effective programs that promote and enhance the strengths and adaptations, maximize well-being, health and mental health, and promote quality of life and positive social environments for the older persons they serve and their caregivers.

Participants will also have the opportunity to receive up to six continuing education credits from the [National Association of Social Workers](#) (NASW), Nursing Home Administrators, [American Nurses Credentialing Center](#) (ANCC) filed through the [Alabama State Nurses Association](#) (ASNA) and the [Licensed Professional Counselors Association](#) (LPCA).